

Mrs. Randall McMahon, Bonham, Texas, waive their respective rights to receive payments under the Servicemen's Indemnity Act of 1951 (which waiver is hereby authorized) arising out of the death of their son, John Michael McMahon (Veterans' Administration claim numbered XC19213917), and repay to the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs all amounts paid to them under such Act for periods before such waiver becomes effective, then Mrs. Randall McMahon shall be relieved of liability to repay to the United States the amounts erroneously paid to her by reason of the death of the said John Michael McMahon under the National Service Life Insurance Act of 1940.

54 Stat. 1008.  
38 USC 818.

38 USC 851 note.

SEC. 2. After such waiver becomes effective, no amounts shall be payable under the Servicemen's Indemnity Act of 1951 to any person by reason of the death of the said John Michael McMahon. The Administrator of Veterans' Affairs shall transfer from the current appropriation made for payment of servicemen's indemnities to the revolving fund established pursuant to section 621 of the National Service Life Insurance Act of 1940 (65 Stat. 37) as amended (38 U. S. C. 822) amounts sufficient to reimburse such fund for the liability for which the said Mrs. Randall McMahon is relieved by the first section of this Act.

Approved August 3, 1956.

## Private Law 861

## CHAPTER 960

### AN ACT

August 3, 1956  
[H. R. 11489]

To exempt from taxation certain property of the American Institute of Architects in the District of Columbia.

American Institute of Architects.  
Tax exemption.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That certain property in the District of Columbia described as lot numbered 833 in square numbered 170 together with the improvements thereon, known as the Octagon House and outbuildings, and the furniture, furnishings, and other personal property therein, owned by the American Institute of Architects, a nonprofit corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York, shall be exempt from taxation, national and municipal, so long as the same is owned by said American Institute of Architects and is not used for commercial purposes or for the general business activities of said institute, subject to the proviso that said institute shall maintain the said Octagon House and outbuildings as historical buildings which shall be preserved for their architectural and historical significance, which buildings shall be accessible to members of the general public without charge or payment of a fee of any kind at such reasonable hours and under such regulations as may, from time to time, be prescribed by said institute, subject to the provisions of sections 2, 3, and 5 of the Act entitled "An Act to define the real property exempt from taxation in the District of Columbia", approved December 24, 1942 (56 Stat. 1091; D. C. Code, secs. 47-801b, 47-801c, and 47-801e).

Approved August 3, 1956.

## Private Law 862

## CHAPTER 961

### AN ACT

August 3, 1956  
[H. R. 11821]

For the relief of Esterlee Hutzler Weinhoeppel.

Esterlee H. Weinhoeppel.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Act entitled

"An Act for the relief of Mrs. Esterlee Hutzler Weinhoeppel", approved August 24, 1954 (68 Stat. A196), is amended by striking out the following: " : *Provided further*, That failure to establish permanent residence in the United States within a period of eighteen months following the enactment of this Act shall result in the divestiture of United States citizenship acquired by Mrs. Esterlee Hutzler Weinhoeppel under this Act".

Approved August 3, 1956.

## Private Law 863

## CHAPTER 962

## AN ACT

To authorize the Honorable Barratt O'Hara to accept and wear the award of the Medal for Distinguished Military Service in white tendered by the President of the Republic of Cuba, Major General Fugencio Batista y Zaldivar.

August 3, 1956  
[H. R. 12396]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Honorable Barratt O'Hara, Representative from the State of Illinois, is authorized to accept from the Republic of Cuba the award of the Medal for Distinguished Military Service in white, together with any decorations and documents evidencing such award. The Department of State is authorized to deliver to the Honorable Barratt O'Hara any such decorations and documents evidencing such award.

Hon. Barratt  
O'Hara.

SEC. 2. Notwithstanding section 2 of the Act of January 31, 1881 (ch. 32, 21 Stat. 604; 5 U. S. C. 114), or other provision of law to the contrary, the named recipient may wear and display the aforementioned decoration after acceptance thereof.

Approved August 3, 1956.

## Private Law 864

## CHAPTER 963

## JOINT RESOLUTION

For the relief of certain aliens.

August 3, 1956  
[H. J. Res. 615]

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That, for the purposes of the Immigration and Nationality Act, Mother Marie Maestre Marcos, Mother Bernarda Clemente Cosqui, Vera Bruno (Sister M. Susan), Lucia Guarino (Sister M. Gennarina), Maria Leanza (Sister M. Immacolata), Giovanna Leo (Sister M. Luisa), Francesca Terzulli (Sister M. Teresina), Giovannina Verde (Sister M. Rodolfa), Stanley Bronuis Mazintas, Giuseppina Bucci (Sister Yolanda), Kreis Krzysztof, and Jan Mruz shall be held and considered to have been lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence as of the date of the enactment of this Act, upon payment of the required visa fees.

Mother Marie M.  
Marcos and others.  
66 Stat. 163.  
8 USC 1101 note.

SEC. 2. For the purposes of the Immigration and Nationality Act, Gino Filippelli shall be held and considered to have been lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence as of the date of the enactment of this Act, upon payment of the required visa fee: *Provided*, That a suitable and proper bond or undertaking, approved by the Attorney General, be deposited as prescribed by section 213 of the said Act.

Gino Filippelli.

8 USC 1183.